

Arizona BLM Energy Strategic Goals 10.28.10

- 1. Participate with landowners, business, scientists, conservation interests, and government in the development of renewable energy strategies for Arizona.**
 - a. Seek participation and knowledge from land, financing, technical expertise, and public perspectives.
 - b. Coordinate processes and data sharing with all decision-making entities that affect renewable energy goals, policies and projects.
 - c. Maintain, update and publicly share information, including web-based sites, on the analysis, status and progress of renewable energy proposals and processes.
 - d. Support energy forums that promote collaboration at statewide and national levels.
 - e. Require scoping processes to identify potential options, issues, and alternatives to support careful and thoughtful analyses.

- 2. Contribute to Arizona community power demands and state goals for development of renewable energy on public lands. State goals include a 15% renewable energy target by 2025.**
 - a. Provide for responsive processing of proposals in the application pool (both active and inactive)
 - b. Support national efforts to prepare a Programmatic Solar EIS that includes Arizona Study Areas
 - c. Complete the Restoration Design Energy Project EIS on schedule.
 - d. Coordinate with state agencies having jurisdiction or roles and responsibilities.
 - e. Focus on larger goals and cumulative picture when designing processes and analyzing individual proposals

- 3. Ensure a full array of locations and concepts for solar and wind energy generation and transmission are considered in statewide decisions about the footprint of renewable energy.**
 - a. Provide sufficient acreage to allow design choices relative to energy generation and transmission in Arizona.
 - b. Provide sufficient opportunity for consideration of multiple technologies.
 - c. Ensure logical connection between issues and alternatives analyzed.

- d. Include cooperative options with non-federal lands.
- e. Support distributed energy.
- f. Encourage sustainability in project design.

4. Focus efforts on potential generation sites and transmission alignments that optimize natural resource values (including water and wildlife) on public lands together with technical and economic requirements.

- a. Use disturbed lands.
- b. Emphasize low water technology to offset water impacts or use mitigation appropriate to the water basin.
- c. Emphasize locations near existing transmission capacity.
- d. Include previously disturbed acreage in the statewide analysis of options.
- e. Ensure public interests in conservation of open space, water, and ecological functions are represented in discussion processes.

5. Clarify and analyze potential effects of uranium mining in Northern Arizona

- a. Ensure the Secretary has a well informed, objective basis for decision. Gather and integrate studies and data to clarify and analyze the potential effects of withdrawal alternatives.
 - Support science of studies and analysis (especially water).
 - Continue participation from multiple agencies.
 - Ensure RAC participation.
- b. Complete the EIS in support of the Secretary's July 20, 2009 order segregating nearly one million acres from mining claim location.
 - Identify alternatives.
 - Stay on schedule and on budget.
 - Ensure public participation, and process transparency and analytical objectivity.